

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

An optical filter ~~is capable of~~ for preventing the image quality of images displayed on a screen from being degraded, ~~and in an image display apparatus has such an optical filter.~~ The optical filter (2), ~~which~~ is disposed on a front side of the screen ~~[(4)]~~ and is spaced a certain distance from the screen, and has a circularly polarizing filter layer ~~[(3b)]~~ for converting outside light applied thereto into circularly polarized light and limiting the passage of circularly polarized light that is reflected by the screen and that has its direction of polarization inverted.